

**February
2010**

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Tight Lines



**Check out our New
Club Crest!!**

The Virginia Beach Anglers Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Foundry United Methodist Church located at 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA next to Beach Ford

- Guest Speakers
- Refreshments
- Raffles
- Prize Fish



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Please don't forget to visit our web site at:
www.virginiabeachanglersclub.org

Officers and Board Members for 2010

Officers

President	Butch Eason	424-3624
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2nd Vice President	Steve Wray	481-5719
Treasurer	Mike Anderson	481-1296
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Corresponding Secretary	George Gabriel	619-1638

Please do not hesitate to call one of these people with any questions you may have.

Board Members

Robbie Parks	Jerry Mariano	Kevin Meyers
Rich Maguire	Bob Stulhman	Gary Doerhoff
Doug Wehner	Preston Mangum	Jerry Hughes

Next Board Meeting:
@ Virginia Beach
Middle School

Members News

Membership Dues: The membership dues for the VBAC are \$20 for individual and \$30 for family. You can pay them at the meeting or mail to VBAC, P. O. Box 8602, Virginia Beach, VA 23450

NOTE: Only members in good standing are eligible for tournament competition consideration!

Have a boat and need a crew? Want to fish but need a boat?

Rich Maquire - needs crew 619-4851
Bob Wuorinen - available 486-8588
Leonard Harris - available 455-8667
Jerry Mariano— available 563-6365
Frankie Baker— available 321-7234
David Harwood—available 340-6187
Tony Carpinelli—Available 214-1480
John Connelly—needs crew 971-2588
Ben Krause— needs crew 486-3721
Bruce Agnor—Available 302-562-4783
Brian Brewster—Available 202-2580
Wayne Burton—needs crew 420-3117 or 620-0413

Share the ride and share the expense. If you would like your name added or deleted call me George Gabriel at 757-619-1638 or email georgedgabriel@gmail.com

Club T-Shirts

The Club will be offering newly designed t-shirts for sale. See Ron Jeffords at the meeting for details or to buy t-shirts.

February 2010

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Upcoming Dates:

February:

* Monthly meeting for February is on the 4th, beginning at 7:30 pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Captain Blake Hayden. This months topic is Speckled Trout.

** This month's Board Members meeting, Feb 18

§ Virginia Beach Boat Show— Let us know if you can volunteer to work the club's booth.

The Club Drawing for our team that will participate in the Ocracoke Surf Fishing Tournament will be announced at this month's meeting (see page 7 for details) Note: Dues must be paid to be eligible

Coming up in March: **Save the Date**

VBAC's annual Awards Banquet, March 13th, to be held at Foundry United Methodist Church located at 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA



Its time to pay for 2010 membership dues!

MEMBER FISHTAILS

Mother nature has prevented most if not all club members from wetting any lines this month. Let's hope she gets all her fury out, and February allows us to hit the water!! Let's face it, we need your photos here...

Better luck next Month.

Did You Know?

The VBAC has a new crest? Don't worry, the modifications are slight. Enjoy the new crest on our latest selection of club Tee shirts, and large variety of embroidered shirts, hats, jackets, and more. Come to our club meeting to see the new vibrant colors of our club tees; or place an order for you choice from our embroidered selections. See Jack for an order form, or visit the website.

The VBAC is joining the fight to help save the Bay's precious Menhaden population. The following pages will inform you as to how you can help ensure this vital fishery is properly managed.

Got fishing related items you want to turn into cash? The Great Bridge Fisherman's association is hosting a Flea Market/Swap Meet, March 13th. Come to this month's meeting to join in with club members looking to participate. (see back page for details)

Legislative Matters

The most important fish in the sea needs your help



Atlantic Menhaden - Ecologically Critical

The alarming decline of the menhaden population threatens the entire Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. Since 1979, the coastal population has declined 72%. Predators like rockfish, bluefish, weakfish, osprey, seabirds, etc. are being deprived of their major food source, while industrial purse seiners are allowed to remove up to 240,000,000 pounds per year.

Legislation has just been introduced in the 2010 General Assembly to transfer the management of Menhaden from the legislature to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC), where this ecologically critical Bay species will finally be subject to science-based management. CCA Virginia wholeheartedly supports this legislation.

You Can Make History. Take Action Now.

Contact your state senator and delegate, and ask them to support **SB185** and **HB294**. Identify your delegate and senator by going to: <http://conview.state.va.us/whosmy.nsf/main?openform>

E-mail, fax, write, or call. Just let them know that you want them to support the “Menhaden Transfer Bills.” **SB185** and **HB294**.

After contacting your own two legislators, start e-mailing and calling the legislators who sit on the committees that will decide whether these two bills go forward. They are shown on the opposite side of this sheet. E-mails work fine, and cost you little time and zero money.

For more info on Menhaden, go to:
chesbay.org or savethefish.org/position_statements.htm#menhade

Menhaden Transfer Bill Coalition (Jan. 20, 2010)

The following organizations support the Menhaden Transfer bills (**SB185** and **HB294**) which would transfer the management of the Virginia menhaden fishery from the General Assembly to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) where all other saltwater resources are regulated.

Coastal Conservation Association Virginia
Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Chesapeake Bay Ecological Foundation
Virginia Council of Angling Clubs
Virginia Charter Boat Association
National Coalition for Marine Conservation
American Sportfishing Association
James River Association
Striped Bass Conservation Coalition
Stripers Forever
Peninsula Saltwater Sport Fishing Association
Coastal Conservation Association Maryland
Tidewater Anglers' Club
Portsmouth Anglers' Club
Northampton County Anglers' Club
Virginia Beach Anglers' Club
Pennsylvania Striped Bass Association
Falmouth Flats Fly Fishers
Great Bridge Fisherman's Association
Fly Fishers of Virginia
Green Top Sporting Goods
Lateral Line Fishing Apparel

The Coast Guard in Hampton Roads has a new emergency number for mariners who can't use a radio channel, the primary method of communication.

Any mariner unable to use Marine VHF Radio Channel 16 (156.8 MHz) may now call a new toll-free emergency number: 1-877-SCCJSAR (1-877-722-5727).

Sector Hampton Roads, which will take calls from that emergency number, is responsible for responding to marine emergencies along the coast from the Delaware-Maryland border to the Virginia-North Carolina border, in the Chesapeake Bay south of the Potomac River and within Virginia's navigable rivers.

New requirement for Virginia's anglers looking to catch saltwater species. As of now, you must participate in the National Saltwater Angler Registry, by following the instructions below. This year registration is free. Hopefully, by next year, Virginia will change her licensing policies which will automatically register licensees. Don't forget... Register now.

National Saltwater Angler Registry

Please Note: Registration is quick, easy, and FREE in 2010. Anglers can register through our [website](#) or by calling (888) MRIP-411. Operators are available 7 days a week from 4:00 am to 12:00 midnight (EST).

Anglers will need to provide their name, date of birth, address and telephone number, and will receive a registration number that will allow them begin fishing immediately. After approximately 30 days, they will receive a registration card in the mail.

Who Will Need to Register?

Beginning January 1, 2010, recreational fishermen will need to sign up with the new National Saltwater Angler Registry if they:

- DO NOT hold a saltwater fishing license from a state where they are automatically registered (the green states on the map). OR ...
- DO NOT meet any of the exceptions in the law (listed below). **AND ...**
- DO fish for or catch anadromous species in tidal waters; these are fish like striped bass, smelt, shad or river herring that spend part of their lives in fresh water and part in saltwater. OR ...
- DO fish in the Federal waters more than three miles from the ocean shore or from the mouth of harbors, bays and rivers.



Exceptions include anglers who are under the age of 16; only fish on licensed charter, party or guide boats; hold a Highly Migratory Species Angling permit; or hold and are fishing under a valid commercial or subsistence fishing license or permit.

Not sure if you need to register? [Click here](#).

Why Register?

Registration is the law, and it helps NOAA and anglers work together to gather better data on angling catch to help ensure the future of saltwater fishing.



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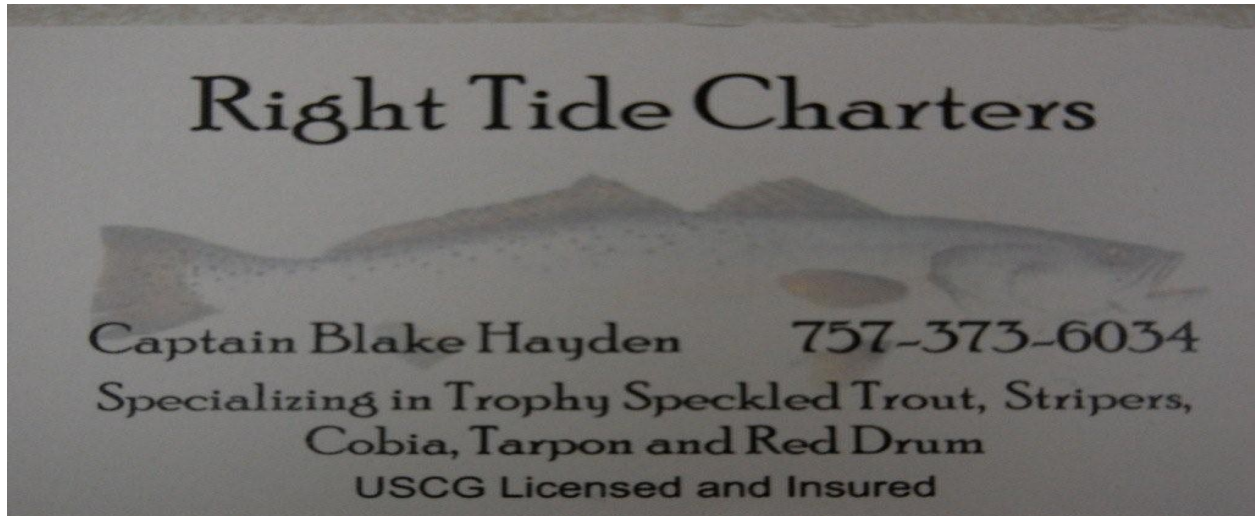
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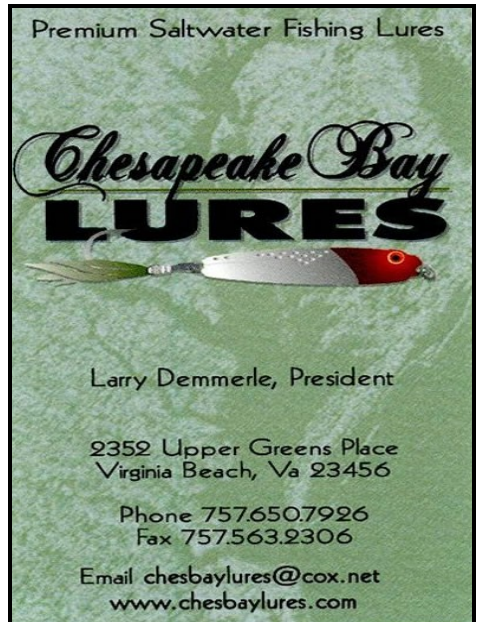
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Classified

One of our club members had a great idea to put a classified section in our news letter. If you have something that you would like to put in the classified section of the newsletter please let me know by e-mail

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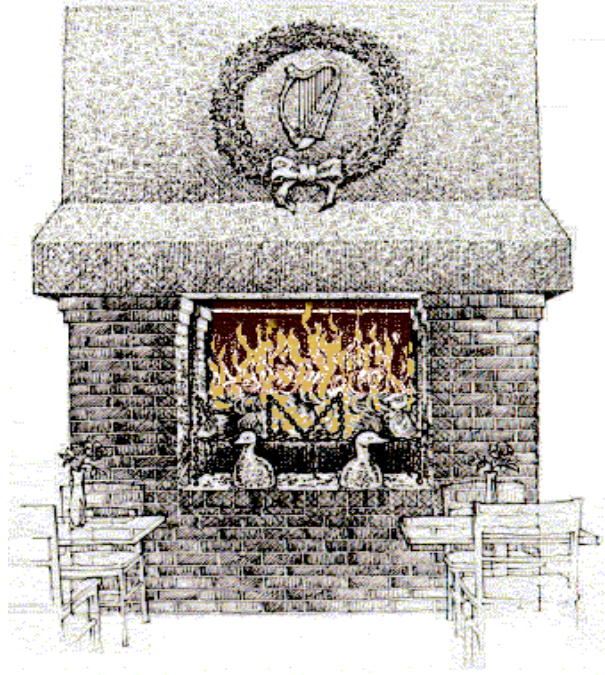
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Our Mission

The purpose of the VBAC is to encourage sport fishing, both freshwater and saltwater, while supporting prudent governmental and other policies that promote the preservation, conservation and ecology of all marine life.

Our Objective

- Monitor legislative and regulatory activities relating to management of local and regional fisheries and participating actively, where appropriate, to assure the adoption of sound management policy and practices that best serve the interests of VBAC members.
- Promote interest and participation in recreational angling by conducting programs and activities that encourage sport fishing.
- Educate members and others in the techniques of sport fishing to enhance their enjoyment of the sport.
- Conduct social activities that create a wholesome climate for deriving the maximum pleasure from sport fishing by members, their families and guests.
- Plan and conduct fund raising activities to provide the revenues needed to support these objectives.

GBFA

Great Bridge Fisherman's Assoc.'s
1st Annual

Fishing Flea Market/Swap Meet

**Saturday, March 13, 2010
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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